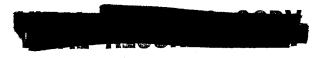
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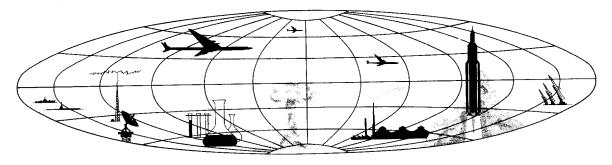


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Hard IRBM Launch Complex Near Aktyubinsk, USSR	49-59- 56-55- NPIC Target No: (See text)		Date: September 1963
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A newly identified hard IRBM launch complex has been observed in the vicinity of Aktyubinsk, USSR. The complex consists of two hard IRBM launch areas, 5.4 nm apart, and a probable construction support area. No railto-road transfer point has been identified, although the existence of one cannot be negated because of the limited KEYHOLE coverage of the area. The more southerly launch area (NPIC Tar-

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get No 0236-24-A) is located at 49-57-56-51- 7.9 nm SE of Karakhobda. It was observed in an early stage of construction (Figure 1) on KEYHOLE Mission 25X1D and was not present on KEYHOLE

FIGURE 1. LAUNCH AREA NEAR KARAKHOBDA,

 $\frac{1}{2}$ / The launch site, which appears to be undergoing the initial clearing and excavation phase of construction, probably will have an orientation of approximately 170 degrees when The administration and housing completed. section is located north of the launch site and contains four barracks-type buildings and at least two other buildings.

The second launch area (NPIC Target No 56-58-0236-24) is located at 50-00-7 nm SW of Petrovskiy. It was observed on (Figure 2) in a mid-KEYHOLE stage of construction and also was visible on 1/2/ It was 25X1D KEYHOLE 3/ The not present on

FIGURE 2. LAUNCH AREA NEAR PETROVSKIY

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launch site is fence secured and has an orientation of 175 degrees. The left launch silo position and the probable portal silo position are indicated as dark rectangular areas within the launch site. The right launch silo position is indicated by a faint circular outline and the control bunker is not discernible. The administration and housing section is located along the main access road and to the north of the launch site. It contains six barracks-type buildings and a number of

other buildings in various stages of construction.

The probable construction support area is located approximately midway between the two launch areas. It consists of at least five buildings positioned near the road which connects the two launch areas.

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